



CITY OF FLORENCE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 3, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ore called the regular meeting of the Florence City Council to order at 7:02pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Ore led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Ore	-	Present
Councilman Baker	-	Present
Councilman Cobler	-	Present
Councilman Knisley	-	Present
Councilman Vendetti	-	Present
Councilman Upton	-	Present
Councilman Villagrana	-	Present
4. **ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Mike Patterson; City Attorney, Matt Krob; Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith; Public Works Director, Sam Elstun; Finance Officer, Lori Cobler; Planning Director, Wade Broadhead; and Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Morrie Aves 127 ½ W. Main.

Mr. Aves spoke on a television series that is set to air and feature several stories on Fremont County.

6. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: N/A

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2019
- b. Bills Allowed
- c. Continue Ordinance 07-15-2019A - An ordinance annexing the New Florence High School to the City of Florence



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- d. Continue Ordinance 07-01-2019B to Approve the Meade Estates Addition Annexation
- e. Second Reading of OHV Ordinance 08-19-2019A-An Ordinance Regulation the Use of Off-Highway Vehicles within the City Of Florence

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Villagrana, the City approved the Consent Agenda Items

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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| Council Member | Villagrana |
| Council Member | Knisley-Abstain |
| Council Member | Vendetti |
| Council Member | Baker |
| Council Member | Cobler |
| Council Member | Upton |
| Mayor | Ore |

8. DISCUSSION & ACTION MATTERS:

a. Request for Services from the Water Department

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris addressed Council stating this request was for repairs needed at the #2 Canal Pump Station. Mr. Harris stated the repairs include possible replacement of impellers, bowls and shafts as well as some necessary painting and sandblasting. Mr. Harris told the Council that the repairs would not only have the Canal Pump Station functioning properly but also the pump will be much more efficient. Mr. Harris went on to tell the Council of the three bids received, staff recommended Power Zone Equipment based on their quote of \$15,585.00 and a previous working relationship. Mayor Ore and Mr. Harris addressed several questions and comments. Council approved Mr. Harris request and awarded Power Zone Equipment the job.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved the Request for Services from the Water Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

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| Council Member | Villagrana |
| Council Member | Knisley |
| Council Member | Vendetti |
| Council Member | Baker |
| Council Member | Cobler |
| Council Member | Upton |
| Mayor | Ore |



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b. Ordinance 09-03-2019A-Addressing Backflow Prevention Devices within The City of Florence

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris addressed the Council stating this is an ordinance to allow the City of Florence to charge a fee of \$80.00 to customers if City Employees are needed to do any inspections, testing or general maintenance on backflow devices within the City. Mr. Harris wanted to stress this is not a moneymaking operation, but rather a service the City can offer to customers, and also a way to ensure that the City stays in compliance with State regulations. City Attorney, Matt Krob, addressed the Council stating if any changes to this ordinance ever need to be made, changing the fees as an example, would be done as a resolution rather than a new ordinance.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved Ordinance 09-03-2019A-Addressing Backflow Prevention Devices within The City of Florence.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
Mayor	Ore

c. Public Hearing-Special Events Permit for the Florence Steampunk Society Event to be held at the old Florence Middle School on October 11 & 12, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00pm

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith stated the Florence Steampunk Society had submitted all the necessary paperwork including liability insurance and a map outlining where they intend to serving alcohol for the event. Mr. & Mrs. Brieley addressed City Council in public hearing. Mr. Brieley stated to Council they will have security present and they are expecting a large turnout for the event. After a brief discussion it was determined the Special Event Permit will cover the gymnasium on the main floor and the front lawn of the building as the designated locations for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Knisley, the City approved the Special Events Permit for the Florence Steampunk Society Event to be held on October 11 & 12, 2019 from 10:00am to 11:00pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley



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Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker-Abstain
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
Mayor	Ore

d. Temporary Sales Room License for Apple Valley Cider Company-Event will be held at the Bakers Rack Located at 118 E Main St, Florence on September 21, 2019 from 10:00am to 11pm

Deputy City Clerk, Jessica Griffith stated to the Council that Kevin Williams, owner of Apple Valley Cider Co. would like to collaborate with the Bakers Rack to have a wine tasting and temporary sales room. Mrs. Griffith went on to tell the Council in the packet Mr. Williams had submitted was a detailed control plan outlining alcohol storage, trained staff and a letter from Mary McGrail, the owner of the Bakers Rack. In public hearing, Paula Svinvek from 305 E. 2nd St addressed Council and stated she has attended tasting put on by Mr. Williams in the past and this particular event will be on Pioneer Day. Council member Upton stated Mr. Williams control plan looked solid and there should be no problem with alcohol leaving the building.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Upton and second by Councilor Vendetti, the City approved the Temporary Sales Room License for Apple Valley Cider Company.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
Mayor	Ore

e. Street Closure Request by The Florence Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Safe Halloween Downtown Trick or Treating-Event will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm

City Manager, Mike Patterson stated to the Council that this event is one on of the most well attended events in town. Mr. Patterson continued by saying the City closes down the street so the community can safely trick or treat on main St.



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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Villagrana and second by Councilor Baker, the City approved to **The Florence Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Safe Halloween Downtown Trick or Treating-Event**

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES

Council Member	Villagrana
Council Member	Knisley
Council Member	Vendetti
Council Member	Baker
Council Member	Cobler
Council Member	Upton
Mayor	Ore

MAYOR'S AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

Mayor Ore had no Report. Councilor Upton reported on Monday September 9th at 9:00A.M. The Gold Belt Byways Program would be having a meeting in Council Chambers and invited everyone to attend.

ATTORNEYS REPORT:

No report

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Department, Chief of Police, Mike DeLaurentis;

No report

Public Works, Sam Elstun;

Mr. Elstun presented a map to Council detailing the paving projects that have been accomplished using the ½ cent sales tax that was approved in 2016 for street repairs. Mr. Elstun also mentioned the map did not include the sidewalks and ADA ramps that have be completed with the funds. Council thanked Mr. Elstun for all his hard work and making the most of his budget.

Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris:

No report

Finance Officer, Lori Cobler;

Wanted to thank Water Superintendent, Brandon Harris for his help in getting the front office back up and running with a new card machine. Mrs. Cobler explained to the Council the machine used by the front office staff to load the reusable cards the City



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issues for the bulk water station had broken and staff was unable to assist citizens for several days. Mrs. Cobler also wanted to let Council know that the reimbursement had come in to cover the costs of fixing the east water tank that was struck by lightning.

Planning Director, Wade Broadhead:

Thanked the City's Building Inspector Richard Thomas and the Florence Fire Protection Chief Calvin Sundermann for their assistance in helping the team at Unbridled with the layout of the sprinkler system for the redesigned of the Old Florence Middle School. Mr. Broadhead went on to note that in other jurisdictions, he has seen a project like that cost developers a lot of time and money. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sundermann were credited with making the process very smooth for all parties involved.

Interim City Clerk, Jessica Griffith;

No Report

City Manager, Mike Patterson;

Thanked all of the department heads and the City staff for their work and dedication to the City and its citizens. Mr. Patterson then requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and/or instructing negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e).

There being no further business, Mayor Ore adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

CITY OF FLORENCE, CO

BY: 
Keith Ore, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jessica Griffith, Interim City Clerk